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all its Mussulman dependents in Senegal, Algiers, and Tunis from making the pilgrimage to Mecca. * * *

PATENOTRE.

Hon. RICHARD OLNEY,
Secretary of State.

INDIA.

Plague in Bombay—Remarks on mortality report of the city of Bombay for week ended January 26, 1897.

SIR: Being absent from the city last week when the weekly sanitary report was forwarded, no remarks on this subject accompanied the report sent. It will be seen that there is no improvement within the past two weeks, and it has not grown much worse. The exodus still continues from some sections of the city, but at a diminished rate. In Maudvie district, where the epidemic first broke out, there has been a marked improvement, and considerable numbers of the inhabitants are returning to their homes and reopening their shops.

Total number of deaths reported for week from all causes.....	1, 721
Average number of deaths from all causes for corresponding week previous five years.....	518
Estimate one-half the population have left the city, one-half average for previous five years.....	259
Number of deaths for past week that may be attributed to plague.....	1, 462
Average per day.....	209

S. COMFORT,
United States Consul.

JAPAN.

Report of infectious diseases.

YOKOHAMA, February 5, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious diseases in Japan for period January 28 to February 4, inclusive. In doing so, I would call attention to the practical disappearance of epidemic dysentery, of which but half a dozen cases are reported for the time covered by my return, and to the continued outbreak of variola, which, however, shows some diminution in the number of cases, as well as of the deaths, in the districts most affected.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.